

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 and cancel claims 2-8 and 10 and 11 without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter contained therein.

1. (Currently amended) A studless tire having a tread comprising diene rubber and ~~non-metal~~ short glass fiber which is surface-treated in advance by a surface treating agent comprising sulfur containing mercaptosilane and dispersed in said diene rubber so as to be oriented in the tread thickness direction,

wherein when measured at 25°C, said tread has a ratio of complex elastic modulus E1 in the tread thickness direction and complex elastic modulus E2 in the tire circumferential direction of

$$1.1 \leq E1/E2 \leq 4$$

and a tread rubber hardness measured at -10°C of 45 to 75 degrees.

2 - 8 (Canceled)

9. (Original) The studless tire of Claim 1, wherein said non-metal short fiber has an average fiber diameter of 3 to 50 μm and average length of 0.1 to 3 mm.

10 - 11 (Canceled)